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Inventors:

WILD et al.

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Sir:

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It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Response and Request for Reconsideration of Notice to Comply with Sequence Requirements

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Sir:

This letter responds to and requests reconsideration of, the Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures dated October 6, 2003.

Applicants filed a Preliminary Amendment and Submission of Sequence Listing, to comply with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.821-1.825, on September 16, 2003. Thus, Applicants believe that the October 6, 2003 Notice was in error. A copy of the postcard with date of receipt stamped thereon and the October 6, 2003 Notice is included herewith for your convenience. Moreover, the File Contents History on PAIR indicates that the sequence listing was determined to be good technically, and entered into the database. See included copy of PAIR record for the captioned application.

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In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the instant application complies with the requirements for patent applications containing nucleotide sequence and/or amino acid sequence disclosure. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the Notice to Comply is respectfully requested. If the request for reconsideration is denied, Applicants respectfully request a more definite statement of why the September 16, 2003 filing is deficient.

Respectfully submitted,

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• This application clearly fails to comply with the requirements of 37 CFR. 1.821-1.825. Applicant's attention is directed to the final rulemaking notice published at 55 FR 18230 (May 1, 1990), and 1114 OG 29 (May 15, 1990). If the effective filing date is on or after July 1, 1998, see the final rulemaking notice published at September 8, 2000, see the final rulemaking notice published in the Federal Register at 65 FR 54604 (September 8, 2000) and 1238 OG 145 (September 19, 2000). Applicant must provide an initial computer readable form (CRF) copy of the "Sequence Listing", an initial paper or compact disc copy of the "Sequence Listing", as well as an amendment directing its entry into the application. Applicant must also provide a statement that the content of the sequence listing information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written (on paper or compact disc) sequence listing and, where applicable, includes no new matter, as required by 37 CFR 1.821(e), 1.821(f), 1.821(g), 1.825(b), or 1.825(d). If applicant desires the sequence listing in the instant application to be identical with that of another application on file in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, such request in accordance with 37 CFR 1.821(e) may be

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